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Subj: MINUTES OF THE 29 AUG 02 PERSUPPDET MONTEREY PASS LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE (PLR) MEETING

- 1. The monthly PLR meeting was held on Thursday, 29 Aug 02 at 0930. The commands represented were FNMOC, NAVPMOSSP Sunnyvale, and NTTCD.
- 2. Topics of discussion were as follows:

### **Customer Service/Receipts:**

- <u>Reenlistments/Extensions</u>: The Customer Service/Receipts section will be processing all reenlistment requests and all requests for extension other than OBLISERV for PCS orders, which will be processed by the Transfers Section, and Advance Technical Field (ATF), which will be processed by the ESO.
- <u>ID Cards</u>: The Office of the Secretary of Defense CAC Policy Memo dated 16 Jan 01 states "The CAC shall not be amended, modified, or overprinted by any means. No stickers or other adhesive materials are to be placed on either side of the CAC. Holes shall not be punched into the CAC." Adhesive materials can cause damage to machines that read bar codes, magnetic stripes and/or embedded microchips. A recommended alternate method is placing the stickers on clear plastic badgeholders.

### **Transfers:**

- OBLISERV for PCS: OBLISERV must be obtained within 30 days of receipt of orders which maybe satisfied by Reenlistment or Extension of Enlistment. A Page 13 entry in lieu of hard OBLISERV is not authorized without prior written approval from BUPERS. Please contact the Transfer Section if you have additional questions at (831) 656-1932 or DSN 756-1932.
- <u>Separations</u>: All personnel separating should attend TAPS/TAMPS held at the Family Service Center (contact your Command Career Counselor to sign up). At a minimum a one-day CARIT pre-separation brief is required. A Page 13 or certificate of completion is required to be forwarded to PSD prior to separation. For a separation physical please contact the Navy Medical Admin Unit at DSN 878-5614.

### **Educational Service Office:**

- <u>Navy Wide Advancement Examinations</u>: Exam dates and location for the September 2002 Navy Wide Exam are as follows:

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
PO1 Exam	5 September 02	Ingersol Hall Room 122 @ NPS
PO2 Exam	12 September 02	Ingersol Hall Room 122 @ NPS
PO3 Exam	19 September 02	FNMOC Bldg 700 @ Conf Room

### **Military Pay:**

- <u>Savings Bonds</u>: The savings bond system allows *ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS* from all branches of military service, to request bonds they have purchased through allotment deductions to be kept in safekeeping. These bonds are held until the member requests the bonds to be mailed to a current mailing address. Requests must contain the members name, social security number, a valid mailing address and the bonds they want mailed. Thirty days must be allowed before a member can claim non-receipt of a bond. The member's *signed* request may be submitted in writing or by fax. **Navy** members may submit their signed request in writing or by fax to:

DFAS-Cleveland Center 1240 East Ninth Street Cleveland, Ohio 44199 Attn: Code FTBCB

Fax: DFAS-CL, Code FTBCB at (216) 522-6358

Questions concerning bonds may be addressed to DFAS Cleveland's customer service department at 1-800-346-3374.

- Enlisted Bonus (EB) Program: Effective 2 Jul 02, NAVADMIN 201/02 determines the amount of EB award a member is eligible to receive, based on the date that the member enters the Delayed Entry Program (DEP). If a member changes EB programs while in the DEP, the original effective message at time of enrollment into the DEP remains applicable to that member. A member cannot be discharged and reentered into the DEP in order to increase an award level. A returning member who is a Navy Veteran (NAVET) or Other Service Veteran (OSVET), enlisting into the Navy and wishing to be eligible for an EB, must do so by re-entry at paygrade E3 or below and can not have previously received an EB or Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB). Members enlisting in any Navy rating with college credit are eligible for an EB kicker. All EB guidelines apply to the EB kicker, including a 12-month extension requirement. No enlistment term shall exceed six years. The kicker amount can be in addition to the EB, loan repayment program, or Navy College Fund (NCF). The total EB amount shall not exceed \$20,000. College credits earned while enrolled in the Navy Cash program do not qualify

toward determining the award level for the EB kicker. Members must provide official college transcripts prior to shipping to the Recruit Training Command. The following are the amounts a member can receive for college credit:

- Associate's degree \$4,000
- Bachelor's degree \$8,000
- For college credit earned not leading to a degree:
  - 1 year/900 classroom hours of vocational technical education \$2,000
  - 2 years/1800 classroom hours of vocational technical education \$4,000
  - 24-47 semester hours (or equivalent) of college \$2,000
  - 48-71 semester hours (or equivalent) of college \$3,000
  - 72-95 semester hours (or equivalent) of college \$5,000
  - 96+ semester hours (or equivalent) of college \$6,000

Members become eligible for payment upon successful completion of all required pipeline training and designation in the skill for which the member enlisted. For more information regarding the EB program refer to NAVADMIN 201/02.

### Travel:

- <u>JFTR U4520 – Miscellaneous Expenses</u>: Laundry expense is still reimbursable to civilian travelers in CONUS provided they are away from their Permanent Duty Station (PDS) for a minimum of four consecutive nights. For military, it is considered part of the per diem (i.e. the "IE" portion of M&IE).

Note: The cost for laundry, dry cleaning, and/or pressing of clothing is not a separate reimbursable travel expense. It is not an incidental expense within CONUS per diem rates or within the AEA authorized/approved for travel in CONUS. It is included as an incidental expense within OCONUS per diem rates and within the AEA authorized/approved for travel OCONUS.

#### **Transportation:**

- <u>Air Travel Websites</u>: The U.S. Department of Transportation maintains a useful website for air travel tips and publications, located at <a href="http://www.dot.gov/airconsumer">http://www.dot.gov/airconsumer</a>. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) online gives you up-to-the-minute reporting of delays at airports. This site is updated every five minutes and is found at <a href="http://www.fly.faa.gov">http://www.fly.faa.gov</a>. The FAA also maintains an aviation safety information website. From this site, you can access data, public information, and press releases on aviation safety. Their site is at

http://www.faa.gov/index.htm.

- US Airways: US Airways placed many new restrictions on nonrefundable tickets, including a use it or lose it policy, as it sought to further distinguish between the services it offers to lowand high-fare paying passengers. The airline maintained the changes also are necessary to enable it to continue to offer low fares to the customers who want to fly as cheaply as possible. The changes also include an increase in the airline's paper ticket fee from \$10 to \$25, applicable when an e-ticket is available. That's the same amount now charged by Northwest. Like Northwest, however, US Airways said the fee still applies only to direct bookings. That means there is no fee on paper tickets issued by agents. Most of the airline's new policies focused on making a distinction between the value passengers get for restricted vs. unrestricted fares. "Fundamentally what we're trying to do here is give more value to those who pay more," said Stephen Usery, the airline's vice president of marketing and revenue. For example, effective immediately, nonrefundable fares for all US Airways domestic, Caribbean, U.S. to and from Canada and U.S. to Europe destinations must be used for the specifically ticketed flight and will have no value once the flight has departed. Under the previous policy, the value of an unused nonrefundable ticket could be credited toward the purchase of another US Airways ticket, less the applicable reissue fee, for up to one year. "This change makes purchasing airline tickets like many other products that people buy for a specific date and time such as Broadway shows and sporting events. If you miss the event, your ticket isn't good for the next day," said Ben Baldanza, senior vice president of marketing at US Airways. To that end, US Airways also said it will not waive the new restrictions on use of nonrefundable tickets under any extenuating circumstances, even for death, illness, military service or jury duty. Among the other changes, effective immediately except where indicated:

- Customers with nonrefundable tickets no longer will be allowed to stand-by for alternate flights.
- Customers will continue to earn frequent flyer miles no matter the price of the ticket, but the cheaper tickets won't help them reach the elite levels. Effective for travel 1 Jan 03, and beyond, miles and segments earned on most nonrefundable fares will not count toward Dividend Miles Chairman's Preferred, Gold Preferred and Silver Preferred status.
- Corporate discount programs no longer will be applicable for certain nonrefundable fare classes, generally those with advance purchase and minimum stay requirements.
- Tour and consolidator tickets will become nonrefundable and have no value after the ticketed travel date.
- Coach customers on transatlantic flights will have to pay \$4 for alcoholic beverages.

- The airline will reduce, but not eliminate, its offerings on Hotwire, Priceline and the Travelocity and Expedia opaque channels.
- Existing fare rules and restrictions will be strictly enforced.
- 3. The next PLR Meeting will be held on Thursday, 26 Sep 02 at 0930 in the PSD Conference Room.

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